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H.B. No. 981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of manslaughter; increasing the penalty for certain offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 19.04(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree, except that an offense is a felony of the first degree if:

(1) the actor delivered a controlled substance to the individual in violation of Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code;

(2) the individual consumed the controlled substance without altering the substance; and

(3) the individual's death resulted from the consumption of the controlled substance.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.